

Last week we enjoyed sharing Hairy Maclary and talking about pets. Thank you for the photos that have been sent in. If anyone else would like to send in pictures of pets for us to share, please send to [nursery@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk)

Last week we talked about Diwali as it is on November 12th. Diwali is the five-day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. Diwali is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness. We used the idea of light in the darkness to introduce the children to our school motto, 'Let your light shine.' The children have been thinking about what is special about them and what they are good at for us to write on a special card candle they will paint, decorate and display.

This week linked to the **Anti-bullying Week** in school; in Nursery we will think about how to be a good friend and how to be kind. We will be talking about friendly behaviour and making friends, how friends can help us. We will use lots of stories to help our discussions. The week kicks off today with **Odd Socks Day** where adults and children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

This week we will also be taking part in **World Nursery Rhyme Week**. Over 3 million children under 7 have taken part in World Nursery Rhyme Week in 70+ countries since its launch in 2013. Nursery rhymes play an important role in our children's early lives, particularly the development of crucial language and communication skills. Hopefully you can support the children at home with this. We have included information below about the Nursery Rhymes we will be learning this week. Singing nursery rhymes is a wonderful activity you can enjoy doing together at home and all the resources are available for you to download at: [www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com](http://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com)

It is **Children in Need Day**, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. There are more details in the Woodstock Weekly today. Children are invited to come in their pyjamas, onesies, or loungewear. If they would prefer, they can also come in home clothes such as a track suit or something sensible and comfortable. If the children could bring a donation of coins to put in the Pudsey money box that would be great.

Best wishes

Ellie Green & Kelly McIlroy

## Rhyme a Day Challenge: 13th – 17th November 2023

### Monday 13th November:

Jack & Jill

### Tuesday 15th November:

Hickory, Dickory, Dock

### Wednesday 16th November:

Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes

### Thursday 17th November:

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

### Friday 18th November:

The Wheels on the Bus

**"IF A CHILD KNOWS 8  
NURSERY RHYMES  
BY HEART BY THE TIME THEY ARE 4  
YEARS OLD, THEY ARE  
USUALLY AMONG  
THE BEST READERS AND  
SPELLERS IN THEIR CLASS BY THE  
TIME THEY ARE 8".**

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